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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Resources Division, ORR

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THROUGH : Chief, Requirements Branch, Reconnaissance Group, CGS

FROM : Chief, CIA/PID (NPIC)

SUBJECT : Chin Chou Synthetic Fuels Plant, China

REFERENCES : (1) ORR Requirement No. ORR/41/62
 (2) CIA/PID Project No. C 721/63

1. Referenced requirement requests a description of the synthetic fuels plant at Chin Chou, China. This description is to include an evaluation of its level of activity, a description of changes or recent expansions and, if possible, an estimation of production capacity or status of operation, and an annotated photographic enlargement of the plant.

2. The Chin Chou Synthetic Fuels Plant is comprised of a series of units for the synthesizing of crude oil, a distillation-refinery area, a heat and power plant, warehouse and storage areas, numerous gas and liquid storage tanks, and a probable sulfur by-products plant. The synthesizing portion of the complex contains a bank of retorts for producing coal gas, a de-sulfurizing plant, a synthesis building, and several large gasometers.

25X1D Atmospheric emissions from various parts of the complex and considerable rail activity throughout the area were observed on photography from [REDACTED]

25X1D [REDACTED] These observations would indicate the fuel plant as a whole to be operational. The installation is both road and rail served.

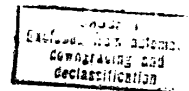
25X1D 3. In general, expansion and development of the plant appears to be nearly static. A few relatively minor changes were noted as having been made in the period from [REDACTED] These changes were:

- (1) Several new liquid storage tanks were added in the refinery area.
- (2) Additional construction is underway at the sulfur by-products plant.
- (3) A storage area has been set up between the distillation area and the sulfur by-products plant.

No other significant changes were noted.

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4. This study was conducted from Mission [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] The enclosed photo enlargement was selected
from Mission [REDACTED] which is the best photo coverage of the area.

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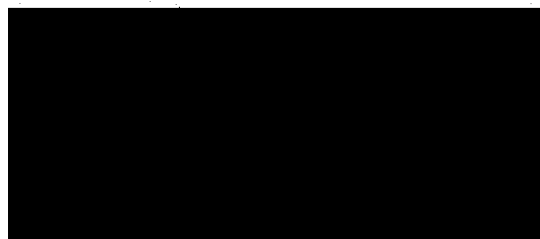
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5. The photo analysts assigned to this project were [REDACTED]
and [REDACTED] who may be contacted on extension 2934 should you
have further questions regarding this project. This requirement is considered
to be complete as of the date of the memorandum.

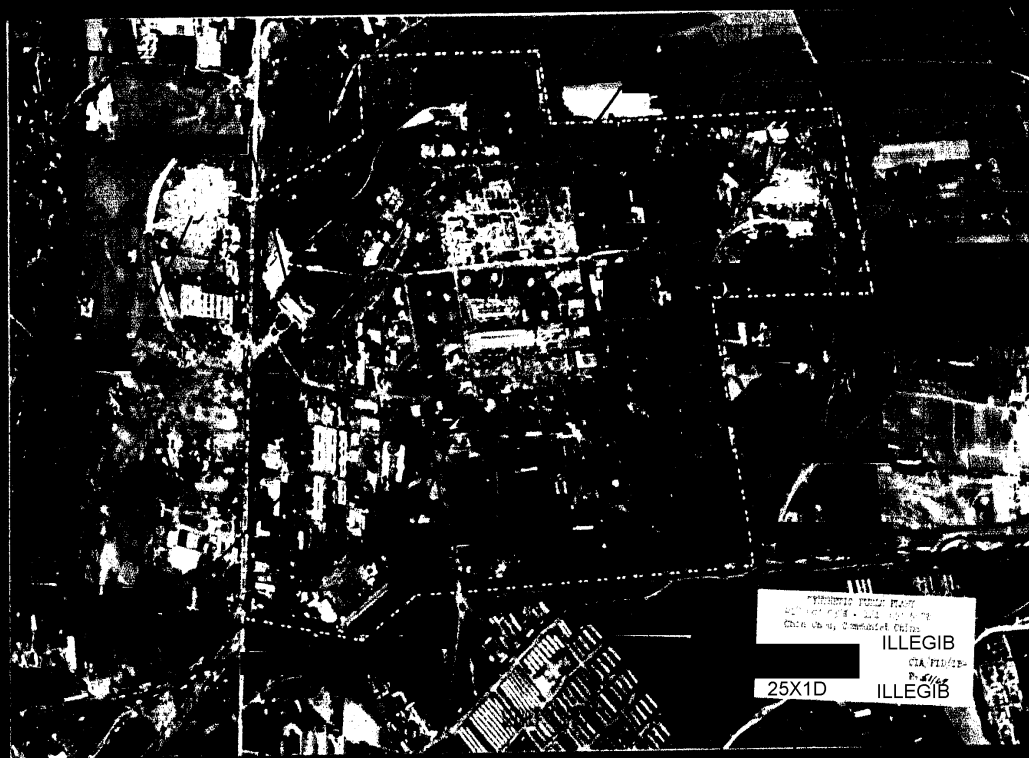
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1. Annotated Photo Enlargement
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